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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

ATTENTION : Mr. Lawrence A. King

SUBJECT : Release of Final Specifications and Drawings
for the Burial Container, Stainless Steel,
MB-39A, Stock No. 7/8110-000-1598.

1. At a meeting of the Executive Group, MB/P Materiel Board, on 8 June 1955, the Burial Container MB-39A was adopted as an Interim Standard Agency item. It was further recommended that, "the Office of Logistics procure the quantity required as determined by NSA/MB/S from a survey of Area Divisions requirements". Consequently, final specifications and drawings for the burial container are hereby forwarded. Attached are six (6) copies of the specifications and drawings which are entitled, Manufacturing, Inspection and Packaging Specification for the MB Box, Specification Number 1235, dated 2 June 1955. Additional copies may be obtained from TSS/Engineering Division.

2. A developmental lot of 1000 Burial Containers was made by TSS/MB. Tests and urgent operational uses have consumed all of this production lot. Therefore, it is not possible to turn over any Burial Containers to the Office of Logistics. The attached specifications and drawings are suitable for production purposes.

3. The Burial Container, MB-39A, is made entirely from type 316 stainless steel except for the rubber gasket. This Container is 7 inches by 9 inches by 16 1/2 inches high inside and weighs approximately 8 pounds. The closure for this container is adapted from the .30 caliber Army ammunition box and is capable of being repeatedly opened and closed. The Burial Container is designed to provide protection in burial caching in all types of soil conditions from two to five years. This Container is unique in the quality of protection it offers, its simplicity, and its reasonability in the field. A description of this item can also be found in the Miscellaneous Section of the TSS Devices Catalog.

4. Production of the Burial Container, Stainless Steel, requires a skilled fabricator of metal and close supervision by the inspecting authority. Care should be taken that prospective fabricators are capable of producing a high quality product. [redacted] accomplished the 25X1 developmental production of this container. This office estimates the future production cost as \$25.00 to \$30.00 per container.

5. The Burial Containers from the developmental production were packaged with each Burial Container in a double face corrugated carton and

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two containers in a steel strapped plywood box conforming to 25X1
 Style A. This packaging proved suitable for the developmental production. However, it is recommended that for future productions the packaging be specified by your office with due regard for the eventual use of the containers.

It is recommended that a minimum stock level of 1000 Burial Containers be maintained. A considerable lead time will be necessary to procure material and set up production of the Containers.

6. This item is considered unclassified per se, but Agency interest in the item is classified Secret.

7. The developmental production of the Burial Container was made under Contract DP-36 25X1

The tools, dies, and test fixtures are currently in the possession of 25X1
 and disposition is to be handled by the Office of Logistics. 25X1

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Chief
 TSS/Engineering Division

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